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SUBJECT: REPORTED ROMANIAN DEFECTIONS: SIRBU, DUMITRU
ANGHEL; POPA, ION

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO DATE ON ROMANIANS WHO ARE REPORTEDLY SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE US, DUMITRU ANGHEL SIRBU WITH FAMILY, AND ION POPA. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AND SIRBU AND POPA. PLEASE RELAY REQUEST FOR MEETING ALONG TO BOTH SIRBU AND POPA.

2. OF COURSE, SIRBU AND POPA ARE FREE EITHER TO AGREE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES OR TO DECLINE SUCH A MEETING. IF THEY AGREE, THEY MAY REQUEST THE PRESENCE

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OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS. WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT

THE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE, AND THAT THEY BE IN THE PRESENCE OF US OFFICIALS. DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD OF COURSE WISH TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

3. FYI, ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT NYPD WAS NOTIFIED JANUARY 21 BY ROMANIAN OFFICIALS THAT POPA IS BELIEVED BY THEM TO HAVE MISAPPROPRIATED A SUM OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 4,000 FROM THE ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NYC. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR POPA'S RESPONSE TO THIS ALLEGATION, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BUREAU MAY DEVELOP CONCERNING HIS MOTIVATION FOR DEFECTION.

4. WE WOULD ALSO OF COURSE APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER REPORTS ON THE DEBRIEFING OF SIRBU AND POPA. SISCO

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